

Adelaide Swords Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012
Hungarian Club Hall
7pm, 19 September 2012



MINUTES

Present: Allan Pring, Ursula Menz, Stuart Marshall, Alex Lovell, Bruce Oerman, Brett Aistrope, Leon Thomas (life), Adrian Murphy (life), Sam Blackman, Michael Dzodzoz, Peter Demaria, Fiona Tremain, Philippa Horton (associate), Klara Kaplun (rep. Gulsara Kaplun*), Barbara Oerman (rep. Lachlan Oerman*), Jim Hondros (rep. Henry Hondros*), Julie Alderson (rep. Ben Alderson*), Georgina Barratt*

*Member aged under 18

Apologies: none

Proxies: none

1. Minutes from previous meeting
(28 September 2011)

Movement from A. Murphy to accept the minutes; they are a true and accurate record of the 2011 meeting.

Seconded A. Lovell

Minutes from 2011 AGM passed.

2. President's Report

(See attached)

No comments or questions.

Move to accept: S. Marshall.

Seconded: B. Aistrope

President's report accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Report from 2011/12 financial year (see attached).

The figures were discussed by S. Marshall, the main points were

- Club has 79 paid members (49 junior, 27 senior, 3 associate) plus 4 life members.
- Club made a \$4000 net profit in 2011/12 financial year
- Major equipment purchases included blades, whites, and two complete pistes.
- \$2500 grant spent on volunteer reimbursement, new logo, 2011 Christmas BBQ, payments for members to complete coaching and refereeing courses.
- One concern from the Bank Reconciliation – there is an unaccounted for \$60
- The report is still being externally audited, but is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Move to accept: U. Menz
Seconded: B. Aistrope

Treasurer's report on 2011/12 financial year accepted.

4. Election of 2012/13 Committee

- a. President
Nominee: Allan Pring
Nominated by: Bruce Oerman
Seconded by: A. Lovell

There being no other nominees or dissent, Allan Pring declared President.

- b. Vice President
Nominee: Alex Lovell
Nominated by: A. Pring
Seconded by: J. Hondros

There being no other nominees or dissent, Alex Lovell declared Vice President.

- c. Treasurer
Nominee: Stuart Marshall
Nominated by: U. Menz
Seconded by: P. Horton

There being no other nominees or dissent, Stuart Marshall declared Treasurer.

- d. Secretary
Nominee: Ursula Menz
Nominated by: A. Pring
Seconded by: P. Horton

There being no other nominees or dissent, Ursula Menz declared Secretary.

- e. Other committee
Nominee: Brett Aistrope
Nominated by: self
Seconded by: U. Menz
- Nominee: Henry Hondros
Nominated by: self
Seconded by: A. Lovell
- Nominee: Julie Alderson
Nominated by: self
Seconded by: A. Pring
- Nominee: Dan Moore
Nominated by: self (in absentia)
Seconded by: S. Marshall

Nominee: Gulsara Kaplun
Nominated by: self
Seconded by: A. Pring

There being no dissent, Brett Aistrop, Henry Hondros, Julie Alderson, Dan Moore and Gulsara Kaplun declared general committee.

5. Club Business

No relevant club business raised.

Meeting closed: 7:25pm

Summary of Committee Members 2012/13

| Position | 2011/12 (outgoing) | 2012/13 (incoming) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| President | Allan Pring | Allan Pring |
| Vice President | Ursula Menz | Alex Lovell (Public Officer) |
| Treasurer | Stuart Marshall | Stuart Marshall |
| Secretary | Alex Lovell (Public Officer) | Ursula Menz |
| General Committee | Brett Aistroke (armourer) | Brett Aistroke (armourer) |
| General Committee | Bruce Oerman | Henry Hondros |
| General Committee | Rhona Hamilton (left March 2012) | Julie Alderson |
| General Committee | Henry Hondros (joined March 2012) | Dan Moore |
| General Committee | | Gulsara Kaplun |

Adelaide Swords Club President's Report: 2011-2012

I am happy to present my formal report on the progress of Adelaide Swords Club over the last 12 months. Overall I think it has been a year of steady progress, building on our solid base of active members.

Below I will highlight a couple of issues that the Club and fencing in South Australia need to address, if we are to build the sport in the state. But first I would like to highlight some achievements of our members in the past year. Georgie Barratt has been selected for the Australian Junior women's foil team, while Lachlan Oerman, Michael Dzodzozos and Gulsara Kaplun have been selected in the Australian Fencing Squad in foil. These national selections reflect on their excellent results in national competitions.

Other members of the club also achieved high national rankings: Matteo Barchiesi and Alex Burgun are ranked in the top five in Open Men's Epée; Ursula Menz is in the top 10 in Women's Epée; Frances Williams is ranked in the top six in U23 Women's Sabre, Rachel Aistrop ranked 4th in Cadet Epée and 9th in Foil; Will Besanko and Oliver Pring ranked in the top 10 in U17 Sabre. A notable achievement from a club point of view was the ASC Open Men's Epée team finishing second in the National Clubs' competition held in conjunction with AFF3 in Perth last month.

Of course club members continued to dominate State Championships – with Rachel Aistrop taking no less than 10 medals (including 6 gold) in 2011.

I am happy to report that Club membership is up by about 30% (79 members) compared with last year, which reflects outstanding success in our junior and senior beginners' classes over the last 12 months. These classes are a major source of revenue for the club. Our success in Beginners' Classes and try sessions is due largely to the coaches taking the classes: Ursula, Frances, Spud, Stuart and Gulsara. A challenge that we face is to ensure that as many as possible of those beginners stay on after they finish the courses and get the most out of their participation in fencing so that they become long term members of the Club.

The committee has been working to try to build more of an identity for the Club and a sense of history of the Club (which goes back over 80 years). One step in this process was to get Simone Kelly, a year 12 student at Blackwood High School, to design a new logo and "corporate image" for the club. The logo now appears on drink bottles, tee shirts, tracksuit tops and socks, as well as our official stationery.

In a club like ours, where half the membership (juniors) rarely meets the other half (seniors), communication is vitally important and I would like to make special mention and ask for a vote of thanks to Ursula for producing regular email newsletters over the last 12 months.

I don't want to steal Stuart's thunder in the financial reports for the last year, but I do want to point out two things – our membership income only covers the hall rental and insurance. Equipment purchases and other activities are paid for largely by profits from beginners' courses and the profits from our Saturday morning classes. Our Saturday morning classes are a huge success with between 25 and 30 fencers present most weeks. I would like to thank the coaches, Spud, Leon, Ursula, Frances, Sam, Stuart, Kira and Russell for their excellent efforts. I also want to especially thank Barb Oerman who collects the money and does much of the administrative work on Saturday mornings, and Brett Aistrop for his tireless work as club armourer.

Now to the challenges that face the Club.

It has been clear for the last couple of years that the Club has outgrown the Hungarian Club; this hall is just not big enough to sustain the growth of the Club. During the last year members of the committee have been actively looking for a new, long-term venue. This has proven to be no easy task, as we need to find somewhere with a hall significantly larger than the Hungarian Club hall, that is available on at least two nights of the week and Saturday mornings, all year round and for about \$1000 per month. I am happy to report that we think we have finally found a new venue and hope to move in at the end of February next year. The new venue has a new school gym the size of a full basketball court. At this stage we have an indication that they will accommodate us on Saturday mornings and Monday and Wednesday evenings from next February, but we are yet to sign a formal agreement. Until we do this we cannot really give notice of our intention to move to our hosts at the Hungarian Club. The Hungarian Club have been very good to us over the last five years and we want to leave on the best possible terms.

The second challenge that the whole of fencing in South Australia faces is the limited availability of professional coaches. We are blessed to have the services of Kira and Leon, but to build fencing in the state we need more coaches who are available to coach at schools during the day so that we can build up the numbers of fencers. To get more fencers we need more coaches and to get more coaches we need a larger fencing community to support them. I can see no easy way to break this cycle, except by trying to slowly build numbers. I am hoping that a new, larger venue next year will allow us to encourage more of our juniors and senior beginners to take one-on-one sessions with a coach. This is certainly the best way to improve your fencing but it will also help build support for our coaches.

I would like to close by thanking the committee: Ursula, Alex, Brett and Henry, with special thanks to Stuart Marshall for his work as treasurer, and finally to Bruce Oerman who has done much of the hard development work this year and is stepping down from the committee at this AGM so that he can move on to FSA.

Good fencing,

Allan Pring

| Comparasion of Major Income and Expense Items | | 1/7/2011 – 30/6/2012 | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| INCOME | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | Difference | |
| Interest | \$322.75 | \$444.73 | \$390.33 | -\$54.40 | |
| ASC - CASUALS FEES | \$140.00 | \$60.00 | \$160.00 | \$100.00 | |
| ASC - CLASSES | | | | | |
| Adult Beginners | \$600.00 | \$3,015.00 | \$4,969.00 | \$1,954.00 | |
| Junior Beginner Foil | \$1,300.00 | \$1,750.00 | \$2,945.00 | \$1,195.00 | |
| Junior Intermediate Foil | \$3,780.00 | \$3,495.00 | \$3,430.00 | -\$65.00 | |
| Junior Advanced Foil | \$310.00 | \$2,830.00 | \$3,580.00 | \$750.00 | |
| Junior Other | \$1,320.00 | \$80.00 | \$0.00 | -\$80.00 | |
| Junior Epee | \$0.00 | \$525.00 | \$570.00 | \$45.00 | |
| Junior Sabre | \$0.00 | \$820.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$580.00 | |
| Try Session | \$0.00 | \$40.00 | \$20.00 | -\$20.00 | |
| Junior Training Camp | | \$3,180.00 | \$4,900.00 | \$1,720.00 | |
| ASC - CLASSES TOTAL | \$7,310.00 | \$15,735.00 | \$21,814.00 | \$6,079.00 | |
| ASC - FUND RAISING | \$2,727.40 | \$5,174.07 | \$3,865.10 | -\$1,308.97 | |
| ASC - MEMBERSHIP | | | | | |
| Junior | \$6,460.00 | \$5,830.00 | \$6,650.00 | \$820.00 | |
| Senior | \$4,180.00 | \$4,040.00 | \$4,690.00 | \$650.00 | |
| Associate | \$0.00 | \$90.00 | \$90.00 | \$0.00 | |
| ASC - MEMBERSHIP TOTAL | \$10,640.00 | \$9,960.00 | \$11,430.00 | \$1,470.00 | |
| Workshops | \$0.00 | \$70.00 | \$0.00 | -\$70.00 | |
| Grants/Sponsorship | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | |
| Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$335.00 | \$335.00 | |
| Cash Differences | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$745.93 | \$745.93 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$21,016.48 | \$31,443.80 | \$41,240.36 | \$9,796.56 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| ASC - ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Rent of Hungarian Hall | \$9,492.89 | \$10,088.93 | \$10,018.80 | \$70.13 | |
| Public Liability Insurance | \$1,844.15 | \$1,844.15 | \$1,844.15 | \$0.00 | |
| Advertising | \$953.70 | \$748.81 | \$1,537.65 | -\$788.84 | |
| Bank Fees | \$86.30 | \$30.70 | \$36.70 | -\$6.00 | |
| Fundraising Expenses | | \$2,511.75 | \$2,129.93 | \$381.82 | |
| Grant Expenses | | \$0.00 | \$2,335.22 | -\$2,335.22 | |
| Other | \$490.97 | \$983.08 | \$627.78 | \$355.30 | |
| ASC - ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES TOTAL | \$12,868.01 | \$16,207.42 | \$18,530.23 | -\$2,322.81 | |
| ASC - CASH DIFFERENCES | -\$460.36 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| ASC - COACHING FEES | \$1,746.00 | \$7,623.53 | \$9,175.25 | -\$1,551.72 | |
| ASC - MISCELLANEOUS | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| ASC - PURCHASES EQUIPMENT | \$1,365.50 | \$2,746.70 | \$8,805.25 | -\$6,058.55 | |
| ASC - REPAIRS EQUIPMENT | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| FSA - TOURNAMENTS ENTRIES | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$540.00 | -\$440.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$15,529.15 | \$26,677.65 | \$37,050.73 | -\$10,373.08 | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | \$5,487.33 | \$4,766.15 | \$4,189.63 | -\$576.52 | |

| Balance Sheet 30/06/2012 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | |
| ANZ - Adelaide Swords Club Inc | \$22,695.57 |
| CASH BOX | \$20.00 |
| ING Business Optimiser | \$7,872.51 |
| Total Assets | \$30,588.08 |
| Liabilities | |
| Fencing Sth Australia | \$665.00 |
| Overpayments | |
| DAVEY, Alex | \$20.00 |
| CAMATTA, Nate | \$15.00 |
| KAPLUN, Gulsara | \$40.00 |
| BRECHIN, Kai | \$25.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$765.00 |
| Equity | |
| End of Financial Year | \$5,238.15 |
| Retained Earnings | \$4,169.63 |
| Total Equity | \$9,407.78 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$10,172.78 |

| Bank Reconciliation 1/7/2011 – 30/6/2012 Financial Year | | | |
|--|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| | | | Balance |
| | | | \$ |
| Opening Bank Balance 1/7/2011 | Total | | \$16,683.67 |
| Less cheques outstanding at 30/6/2011: | 1470 | \$36.32 | |
| | 1471 | \$36.32 | |
| | 1472 | \$47.19 | |
| | 1474 | \$910.80 | |
| | 1475 | \$480.00 | \$1,510.63 |
| | | | |
| Sub Total | | | \$15,173.04 |
| Plus Receipts: | | | |
| Revenue Items 2011 – 2012 financial year | | | \$41,240.36 |
| <i>Less Interest for ING Account</i> | | | \$356.45 |
| <i>Less expenses paid in Cash</i> | | | \$168.78 |
| <i>Less Cash on Hand 30/6/12</i> | | | \$20.00 |
| <i>Less Forgiven Debts FSA</i> | | | \$335.00 |
| Total Revenue | | | \$40,360.13 |
| Funds Collected for FSA | | | \$7,280.00 |
| Cash on hand 01/07/2012 | | | \$3,574.35 |
| Unused Cash Withdrawals | | | \$60.00 |
| <i>Unknown Revenue</i> | | | \$60.00 |
| Total Receipts | | | \$51,334.48 |
| | | | |
| Sub Total | | | \$66,507.52 |
| Less Outgoings: | | | |
| Expenses 2011 – 2012 financial year | | | \$37,050.73 |
| <i>Less expenses paid in Cash</i> | | | \$168.78 |
| Funds paid to FSA | | | \$6,870.00 |
| Unused Cash Withdrawals | | | \$60.00 |
| Total Outgoings | | | \$43,811.95 |
| | | | |
| Sub Total | | | \$22,695.57 |
| Plus Cheques Outstanding at 30/06/12: | 1534 | \$360.00 | |
| | 1536 | \$269.35 | \$629.35 |
| | | | |
| Closing Balance at Bank 30/6/2012 | | | \$23,324.92 |
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